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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
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David H. McDaniel)	Parent Art Group Unit: 3739
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Parent Serial No.: 09/203,178)	Parent Examiner: A. Farrah
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Parent Filing Date: November 30, 1998)	
)	
For: REDUCTION, ELIMINATION,)	
OR STIMULATION OF)	
HAIR GROWTH)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents & Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the Title of the Invention, please delete the present Title in its entirety and insert therefor --Process for Inhibiting Activity, Reducing Size & Destroying Growth of Sebaceous Gland--.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 - 6 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 7 - 10 as follows:

7. A process for at least one of inhibiting activity, reducing size and destroying growth of at least one of a sebaceous oil gland and tissue feeding the sebaceous oil gland in mammalian skin, comprising: selecting at least one of a photoactive agent and a photosensitizing agent, the agent having an average diameter enabling the agent to penetrate a sebaceous oil gland duct, the agent having an electromagnetic radiation absorption characteristic enabling the agent to absorb at least a first wavelength of electromagnetic radiation from an electromagnetic radiation source, applying the agent to at least one of the gland and tissue, exposing the agent to electromagnetic radiation comprising at least the first wavelength of electromagnetic radiation, whereby the agent absorbs the first wavelength of electromagnetic radiation.

8. The process of claim 7, comprising the step of exposing at least one of the gland and tissue to at least one external enzyme.

9. The process of claim 7, comprising the step of exposing at least one of the gland and tissue to ultrasound.

10. The process of claim 7, wherein the step of exposing the agent to at least a first wavelength of electromagnetic radiation comprises exposing the agent to electromagnetic radiation from at least one of a diode laser, a light emitting diode, a filamentous incoherent light source and a non-laser light source.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 6 have been canceled. New claims 7 - 10 have been added. The Title of the Invention has been changed. Examination and consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

Applicant notes that new claims 7 - 10 correspond to claims 12 - 15 that were canceled from parent application serial number Parent Serial No.: 09/203,178.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application, as amended, are in condition for allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at

the Washington, D.C. telephone number (202) 887-4149 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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